S. No.	Name of the Project/executing Agency/State	Capacity (M.W)
41.	TPS AT LAPANGA—(SAMALAI POWER CO.) ORISSA	500.00
42.	TPS AT BOMLAI—(INDECK BOMLAI ENERGY CENTRE) ORISSA	500.00
43.	TPS AT HIRMA—(CONSOLIDATED ELECTRIC POWER ASIA)—ORISSA	3960.00
44.	SAGARDIGHI—(SAGARDIGHI POWER CO. LTD.) WEST BENGAL	1000.00
45.	CCPP AT NAMRUP—(ASSAM VALLEY POWER CORPN.) ASSAM	120.00

Base oil refinery in Orissa and Andhra Pradesh

1841. SHRI K.M. KHAN. Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any private organisation has been permitted to set up a base oil refinery in the east coast of Orissa;

(b) if so, the details thereof together with its objectives;

(c) whether such a refinery would reduce import of lubricants to a larger extent;

(d) whether Government propose to ask the said organisation or other organisations in private sector to set up similar refinery in Andhra Pradesh; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (c) LOI has been issued to M/s. Ashok Leyland, Madras to set up and operate an Oil Refinery of 2 MMTPA capacity in Orissa to produce range of lubricating oil base stocks (LOBS). The increased indigenous production of LOBS would help reduction of imports of the product.

(d) and (e) At present there is no such proposal.

Assistance from foreign countries and private companies in oil sector

1842. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA:
SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have sought assistance from foreign countries and private companies in the oil sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof, including the names of such oil fields;

(c) whether any agreement has been reached in this regard during the last six months;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the extent to which the production of oil and natural gas is likely to increase as a result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (e) The oil sector has been opened up for private investment including foreign investment in the exploration and production of oil and gas, refining and marketing of petroleum products. There have been nine rounds of bidding for exploration and two rounds of bidding for the development of small-sized and medium-sized fields under production sharing arrangements. So far Government

has approved the award of 16 exploration blocks and 19 small/medium-sized fields, the details regarding which are given below:—

EXPLORATION BLOCKS

FOURTH ROUND:

	Name of Company	Name of the Block
1.	Consortium of Hindustan Oil Exploration Company (HOEC) and Mafatlal Industries, both of India.	GN-ON-90/3 in Pranhita-Gadavari (Gondwana) onshore basin.
2.	Consortium Comprising M/s. Albion International Resources, Inc. of U.S.A., Complex Resources Limited of Australia, M/s. Niko Resources Canada and HOEC of India.	KG-OS-90/1 in Krishna-Godavari offshore basin.
3.	Consortium comprising M/s. Pan Energy Resources, U.S.A. stirling Resources Australia, Okland Oil Company, U.S.A., Pan Pacific Petroleum NL, Australia and Trans Asia Consultants, India.	KG-ON-90/2 in Gujarat-Kutch onshore basin.
4.	Shell International, Netherlands.	RJ-ON-90/1 in Rajasthan onshore basin.
5.	Consortium of HOEC of India, Vaalco Energy Inc. of U.S.A. and Tata Petrodyne of India.	CY-OS-90/1 in Cauvery offshore basin.

FIFTH ROUND:

	Name of Company/Consortium	Block	Basin
1.	Essar Oil Limited, India	RJ-ON-90/4	Rajasthan
		RJ-ON-90/5	Rajasthan
		BB-OS/5	Bombay offshore.
2.	HOEC, India-Tata Petrodyne, India—Vaalco Energy, U.S.A.	CY-OS-2	Cauvery offshore.
3.	Command Petroleum, Australia, Videocon, India.	KG-OS/6	Krishna Godavari offshore.
4.	Rexwood-Okland Corporation U.S.A.	GK-OS/5	Gujarat-Kutch offshore.

SIXTH ROUND:

	Name of Company/Consortium	Block	Basin
1.	HOEC, India—Vaalco Energy Inc., U.S.A. Tata Petrodyne (P) Ltd., India.	CB-OS/1	Cambay offshore
2.	Samson—International Ltd., U.S.A.	CB-ON/7	Cambay onshore.
3.	HOEC, India-Samson International Ltd., USA—Gujarat State Petroleum Corporation, India.	CB-ON/2	Cambay onshore
4.	Phoenix Overseas Ltd., New Delhi	RJ-ON/6	Rajasthan onshere
5.	Command Petroleum Holding NL, Australia—Tata Petrodyne (P) Ltd., New Delhi	CB-OS/2	Cambay offshore

DISCOVERED FIELDS:
Small-sized fields:

	Name of Company/Consortium	Field
1.	Gujarat State Petroleum Corporation Ltd. (GSPC), India—Niko Resources, Canada.	Hazira, Cambay Bhandut, Matar and Sabarmati.
2.	Selan Exploration Technology Ltd., India.	Indrora, Bakrol and Lohar.
3.	Larsen & Toubro, India-Joshi Technologies, USA.	Dholka, Wavel.
4.	Interlink Petroleum Ltd., India.	Baola.
5.	HOEC, India—Mosbacher Energy Co., U.S.A.—Petrodyne Inc., U.S.A.	PY-1
6.	HOEC, India—GSPC India-Petrodyne Inc., U.S.A.	Asjol

Medium-sized fields:

	Name of Company/Consortium	Field
1.	Enron, U.S.A.—Reliance Industries, India.	Mid & South Tapti Mukta and Panna.
2.	Command Petroleum, Australia—Videocon India—Marubeni, Japan.	Ravva
3.	Compagnie Geofinanciere, —France—Enpro Services, India.	Kharsang
4.	Essar Oil Limited India, Premier Oil Pacific UK.	Ratna & R-series

No contract has been signed during last six months.

The production of crude oil and natural gas from discovered oil fields during 1995-96 was 0.64MMT and 332.48 Million Cubic Metre respectively.

This is expected to be of the order of about 2 MMT of crude oil and 950 million cubic metre of gas during 1996-97.

Announcement of Dividend by Oil India Limited

1843. SHRI K.R. MALKANI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Oil India Limited announced 100% dividend recently; and

(b) the reasons for doing so instead of lowering the price of petroleum products or avoiding raising of the administered prices of petroleum products?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BALLU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Conforming the regulations in food Processing Industries with those in foreign countries

1844. SHRI JANARDAN YADAV: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state: